

7th Brazilian Congress on Autism

Fortaleza, June 20-24, 2006

Held by the Brazilian Association for Autism (ABRA)

Organized by the Casa da Esperança Foundation

Location: Centro de Convenções, Fortaleza, Ceará

Support:

Yale University

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June 20

7:00 – 10:00 PM

Opening ceremony

Theme: Kanner Autism today

Opening address by Dr. **Ami Klin** (USA)

Professor of child psychology and psychiatry at Yale, specialized in development psychopathology and neuroscience

June 21

8:00 – 10:00 AM

Theme: An insider's view of Autism

Teleconference lecture with Dr. **Temple Grandin**

Assistant professor in animal sciences at Colorado University; afflicted with Asperger Syndrome

10:00 – 11:00 AM

Round table with **Dr. Grandin** and brazilian professionals:

- Dr. **Salomão Schwartzmann** (São Paulo) – Child and adolescent neurologist
- Prof. **Alexandre Costa e Silva** (Fortaleza) – Psychologist and behavior analyst; technical director at Casa da Esperança
- **Argemiro Garcia** (Salvador) – Father to an autistic, moderator of an internet discussion group on autism in Brazil
- **Breno Araújo** (Natal) – Student, afflicted with Asperger Syndrome
- **Fátima Dourado** (Fortaleza) – Pediatrician and Director of Casa da Esperança

11:00 - 12:00 AM

Debate with **Dr. Temple Grandin** and congress participants

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Theme: Diagnosis and follow-up in autism

Lecture with Dr. **Fátima Dourado** (Fortaleza)

Pediatrician and Director of Casa da Esperança

4:00 – 6:00 PM

Theme: Update - New perspectives in diagnosis and treatment

Lecture with Dr. **Ami Klin** (USA)

Professor of child psychology and psychiatry at Yale, specialized in development psychopathology and neuroscience

June 22

8:00 – 10:00 AM

Theme: Beyond the wall: Personal experiences with autism and Asperger Syndrome

Lecture with **Stephen Shore** (USA)

Special educator, musician and business administrator; afflicted with Asperger Syndrome

Round table with **Dr. Shore** and

- **Jobson Maia** (Natal)
- **Breno Araújo** (Natal)
- **Leonardo Ferreira** (Brasília)
- **Vicente Braulino** (Fortaleza)
- **Thiago de Sandes** (Fortaleza)
- **Daniel Andrade** (Fortaleza)

All debaters are afflicted with high-functioning autism or Asperger Syndrome

10:00 - 12:00 AM

Theme: Education and therapy in autism using music and computers

Lecture with **Stephen Shore** (USA)

Special educator, musician and business administrator; afflicted with Asperger Syndrome

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Theme: Challenges in teaching social skills to people with Asperger Syndrome

Lecture with **Brenda Smith Myles** (USA)

Ph.D., specialized in behavior problems and social skills of people with autism and Asperger Syndrome

4:00 – 6:00 PM

Theme: Behavioral challenges in education and therapy for people on the Autism spectrum.

Lecture with **Alexandre Costa e Silva** (Fortaleza)

Psychologist and behavior analyst; technical director at Casa da Esperança

June 23

8:00 – 10:00 AM

Theme: The SCERTS® Model

Lecture with **Amy C. Laurent** (USA)

Professor of child psychology and psychiatry at Yale, specialized in development psychopathology and neuroscience

10:00 – 12:00 AM

Theme: The multiple aspects of caring for people with autism

Round table with:

- **Kátia Walter** — PECS: Picture Exchange Communication System, Centro An Sulivan, Ribeirão Preto
- **Leila Bagaio** — ABA: Applied Behavior Analysis, São Paulo
- **Marguerita Cuccovia** — Currículo Funcional Natural, Ribeirão Preto
- **Viviane de Leon** — Occupational therapist using the TEACCH method (Treatment and Education for Autistic Children and Communication Handicap), Porto Alegre
- **Ana Maria Serrajordia Ros de Mello** — Residence in Therapy, São Paulo

2:00 – 3:00 PM

Theme: Comorbidity in the autism spectrum

Lecture by **Dr. Thomas Morgan** (USA)

General practitioner and geneticist, Yale University

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Theme: Treatment of invasive development disorders

Dr. Salomão Schwartzmann, São Paulo — Neurological aspects (3:00 – 4:00 PM)

Dr. Walter Camargos Jr., Belo Horizonte — Psychiatric aspects (4:00 – 5:00 PM)

June 24

8:00 – 10:00 AM

Theme: Educating the parents – the family as an agent in therapy

Lecture with **Liliana Mayo** (Peru)

Director of the Ann Sullivan Center in Peru

Discussion group members:

Ana Maria Bereohff (Brazil)

Clinical psychologist and specialist in invasive development disorders

Sonia Oliveira (Fortaleza)

Social worker and coordinator of the family service at Casa da Esperança

2:00 – 5:00 PM

Theme: The influence of the family on public policies

Lecture with

➤ **Marisa Fúria** (Brazil)

President of Brazilian Association for Autism (ABRA)

➤ **Veronica Bird** (Brazil)

President of the Veronica Bird Foundation

➤ **Alexandre Dourado** (Fortaleza)

Co-administrator of Casa da Esperança, financial director of the Ceará State Association of Foundations

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Workshop: Aspects of Autism

Facilitator: **Dr. Fátima Dourado** (Fortaleza)

Pediatrician and Director of Casa da Esperança

Participants: Relatives, therapists, teachers, supporters and autists.